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ASSISTANT CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Chambers. (FA341, Legislative Journal page 1235.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 936.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'm going to have to do something that I periodically do and that's digress. I was working on a lot of other bills prior to being able to give attention to this one. I've been called "The Terminator" when people are in a kind mood, I've been called "The Executioner" by myself, and other things that I can not mention on the floor. But I notice how some of these bills go right along very smoothly until I get involved in the discussion. Issues that ought to be discussed are not brought up or touched at all, and I'm calling your attention to it so you will begin to understand the roots and origin of my reputation as a disrupter, as a derailer of legislation, as one who abuses the system and prevents the majority from working its will. There are any number of ways to characterize what a person does, but when I get time for one of these bills then I can force us to look at issues we need to consider in view of what the bill professes to be accomplishing. I have an amendment here I'm offering which would strike language on page 4. In listing the types of businesses that do not qualify under this bill we have the following; any business activity in which 80 percent or more of the total sales are sales to the ultimate consumer of food prepared for immediate consumption. I want to strike that. If you produce food for immediate consumption to be sold to the ultimate consumer and 79 percent of your business consists of that food, you qualify. If you're preparing 100 percent of your food and it's not prepared for immediate consumption you qualify. So I guess if I have a take-out operation and there's no place on the premises to consume the food, then obviously it's not designed for immediate consumption so I qualify. And if people have to